

DEER PARK

a reasonable charge of cost which may reasonably be attributed to the project.

93. Procedure.

(a) PROVIDED. — The procedure for special assessments, wherever authorized in this charter, is as provided in this section.

(b) ASSESSMENT OF COST. — The cost of the project being charged for shall be assessed according to the front rule of apportionment or some other equitable basis determined by the council.

(c) AMOUNT. — The amount assessed against any property for any project or improvement shall not exceed the value of the benefits accruing to the property therefrom, nor shall any special assignment be levied which causes the total amount of special assessments levied by the town and outstanding against any property at any time, exclusive of delinquent installments, to exceed twenty-five per centum (25%) of the assessed value of the property after giving effect to the benefit accruing thereto from the project or improvement for which assessed.

(d) UNIFORMITY OF RATES. — When desirable, the affected property may be divided into different classes to be charged different rates, but, except for this, any rate shall be uniform.

(e) LEVY OF CHARGES; PUBLIC HEARING; NOTICE. — All special assessment charges shall be levied by the council by ordinance. Before levying any special assessment charges, the council shall hold a public hearing. The clerk-treasurer shall cause notice to be given stating the nature and extend of the proposed project, the kind of materials to be used, the estimated cost of the project, the portion of the cost to be assessed, the number of installments in which the assessment may be paid, the method to be used in apportioning the cost and the limits of the proposed area of assessment. The notice shall also state the time and place at which all persons interested, or their agents or attorneys, may appear before the council and be heard concerning the proposed project and special assessment. Such notice shall be given by sending a copy thereof by mail to the owner of record of each parcel of property proposed to be assessed and to the person in whose name the property is assessed for taxation and by publication of a copy of the notice at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the town. The clerk-treasurer shall present at the hearing a certificate of publication and mailing of copies of the notice, which certificate